



Weekly Information & Communication



June 6, 2016

## Two National Conferences for Travel Reimbursement from MT WIC

There are two upcoming conferences this summer that are available for travel reimbursement. They are the 1) National Maternal Nutrition Intensive Course (NMNIC, July 27-29, 2016, in Minneapolis, MN; and 2) USBC National Breastfeeding Coalition Conference (NBCC), August 5-7, 2016, in Arlington VA (Washington, DC area). The NMNIC has a number of sessions applicable to breastfeeding on the agenda this year. More information is available at <http://www.sph.umn.edu/academics/ce/mnic/>. Another option available if you are not free to travel for the face-to-face conference is the video streaming session of session that will be available after the conference. This has a cost of \$20 per person. Additional information about the video streaming is available at the same link above. The NBCC is targeted at coalition building and community involvement this year. A detailed agenda was not available, but in the past many of the sessions provided information or skills building topics which could be useful in other areas of work for BPC and their supervisors. More information can be found at <http://www.usbreastfeeding.org/2016-nbcc>.

If you are interested in either of these conferences, please contact [cfogelman@mt.gov](mailto:cfogelman@mt.gov).

## National WIC Association Nutrition and Breastfeeding Conference Reimbursement of Expenses

Reimbursement at out-of-state travel rates for registration, travel, lodging and per diem is being offered to local agency WIC staff. The conference will be held in Denver this year, a prime opportunity for Montana since the conference is rarely so close. It will be September 8 -10, 2016. This conference is only offered every other year. If you would like to attend and have not already contacted Kate or wish to change your request made earlier, send an email to Kate at [kqirard@mt.gov](mailto:kqirard@mt.gov).

## Formula Orders

If you are planning on placing any formula orders in June, please have all orders submitted to the state office by June 10<sup>th</sup>. We will not be placing orders (unless it is necessary) the rest of the month due to end of fiscal year. We will resume ordering on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Thanks for your understanding.

## Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program Conference Call – Agenda Items Request

The next BPCP conference call will be June 23, 2016, from 9:00am to 10:00am. If you have suggestions for agenda items, please send them to [cfogelman@mt.gov](mailto:cfogelman@mt.gov) by June 15, 2016.

## New Nutrition Facts Label

The FDA has finalized the new Nutrition Facts label on packaged foods with changes that will make it easier for consumers to make informed choices about what they're eating. For more information about the changes please visit the [Unveiling the New Nutrition Facts Label](#) link.

## WIC Futures Study Group Minutes

Please find the [minutes](#) from the WIC Futures meeting on May 16, 2016. During this meeting, the FY 2017 funding formula was discussed. Find the draft funding formula [here](#). You may use this as a template to start your budget planning, but please keep in mind that final amounts are contingent upon our actual grant and these figures are subject to change.

## Updated WIC Income Eligibility Guidelines

The July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017 Outreach Brochure-Income Eligibility Guideline inserts (in both English and Spanish) will be mailed to lead local agencies soon. Please dispose of any old inserts, and replace with the updated version. Also, the updated Income Eligibility Guideline (IEG) table will be available on the website July 1, 2016. Please print the updated IEG table, and have available at your work station for reference. Keep in mind, the next forms order is on October 15<sup>th</sup>, so you only need enough inserts to last until then. Thanks!

## CEU Reminder

Wow June already! This is just a reminder, all staff that provide direct care to participants are required to complete continuing education units (CEU's). Part time WIC staff are required to have 6 CEU's and Full time WIC staff are required to have 12 CEU's. The forms are located on the [website](#). Please submit all CEU's to Lacy Little via fax 444-0239, [email](#), or snail mail. CEU's must be submitted and approved by September 30<sup>th</sup> 2016. If you have questions please contact Lacy Little.

## Weekly Risk Code Highlight

[Risk Code 344](#), Thyroid Disorders is defined as thyroid dysfunctions that occur in pregnant and postpartum women, during fetal development, and in childhood are caused by the abnormal secretion of thyroid hormones. The medical conditions include, but are not limited to, the following: Hyperthyroidism, Hypothyroidism, Congenital Hyperthyroidism, Congenital Hypothyroidism, Postpartum Thyroiditis.

Presence of medical conditions diagnosed, documented, or reported by a physician or someone working under a physician's orders, or as self-reported by applicant/participant/caregiver. See attached clarification for more information about self reporting diagnosis and definitions for the medical thyroid conditions listed above.

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